

Keego Harbor Playground Improvement Community Volunteer Days

Friday November 17, 2017
Saturday November 18, 2017
Monday November 21, 2017

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

Project: Safety and Accessibility Improvements at all four of your city playgrounds.

Cost is over \$40,000 and is funded by:

- The State of Michigan, via a Recreation Passport Grant
- The U.S. Dept of Housing and Urban Development, via a Community Development Block Grant
- Keego Harbor Parks & Recreation Commission funds raised by the Taste of Keego Harbor event

Improvements include:

- Safe surfacing under the playground equipment – certified playground mulch like that at Roosevelt Elementary
- Replacement of swing sets in three parks – these will accommodate inclusive swing seats
- Accessible pathways connecting parking, playgrounds, and the West Bloomfield Trail

Your part:

The playground mulch will be blown in by a contractor, but we must first set up the edging that goes around it, and the fabric that goes under it. Our DPW staff will do Fran Leaf Park. We will do Baxter-Morgan, Hester Court, and Tate-Optimists Parks. There are tasks for strong people, clever people, and energetic people: teens, adults and seniors.

We need at least (more is better, many hands make light work):

- 6 people at Tate-Optimists Park on Millwall/Rycroft
- 6 people at Hester Court Park at the end of Hester Court
- 12 people at Baxter-Morgan Park on Pridham west of Willow Beach St

How to get involved:

Review the list of tasks on the next page. Some work is light, some is heavy, but nothing that we can't do together.

Sign up so we know we can count on you. Give us some contact information so we can alert you to any changes. Tell us which park you prefer to work in, perhaps the one closest to your house.

- Via email: keegoparks@gmail.com administered by Leslie Clark
- Via Facebook message: Keego Harbor Parks and Rec, administered by Leslie Clark
- Via Facebook event calendar: Keego Harbor Parks and Rec
- At City Hall: Stop by and fill out a little form

Equipment: Bring your wagons! Bring mallets or small sledge hammers. We will provide measuring and cutting tools.

Attire: The weather will likely be a bit miserable. Dress warmly. We will fire up the grills, and provide hot snacks.

Playground Improvement Tasks for Volunteers

Baxter-Morgan Park, Pridham St west of Willow Beach St. Parking on the lawn in the east entrance

- Place 4ft plastic edging timbers, 10 pounds each, around equipment: 96 pieces
- Place plastic handicap access ramps, 120 pounds each: 3 ramps
- Pound in spikes: 96 spikes
- Cut and place felt fabric under equipment: 500 square yards
- Cut and place plastic ribbon drain over fabric: 265 yards
- Rake up and relocate excess rubber chipping

Hester Court Park, at the end of Hester Court. Parking in the paved lot and street end.

- Place 4ft plastic edging timbers, 10 pounds each, around equipment: 37 pieces
- Place plastic handicap access ramps, 120 pounds each: 1 ramp
- Pound in spikes: 37 spikes
- Cut and place felt fabric under equipment: 155 square yards

Tate-Optimists Park, at the end of Millwall & Rycroft. Parking on street right-of-way.

- Place 4ft plastic edging timbers, 10 pounds each, around equipment: 43 pieces
- Place plastic handicap access ramps, 120 pounds each: 1 ramp
- Pound in spikes: 43 spikes
- Cut and place felt fabric under equipment: 157 square yards

Tentative Schedule of Activities

The schedule will be firmed up when we get closer to the date, and we know how many people are available to help, and what the weather will be like.

Friday November 17, 2017 Afternoon: Students may be available to finish up preparations especially at Baxter-Morgan. If the weather is going to be bad on Saturday, it is possible that one of the small parks will get done on Friday as well.

Saturday November 18, 2017 11AM-4PM: Big Build work in three parks simultaneously, if we have enough people. If we don't have enough, we will go from park to park and claim all of the glory for ourselves. Sunday is a possibility if the weather forecast shows a total washout for Saturday. How bad can it be in November in Michigan?

Monday November 20, 2017: The mulch will be blown in by the contractor, Superior Groundcover. We will need a few people on hand to place heavy rubber wear mats in the middle of the mulch and maybe do a little raking. About 5 people following the contractor from park to park should be enough.